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**News Summary: Attorney sentenced in tax evasion case**

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced that on March 1, 2006, United States District Judge Lynn S. Adelman sentenced **Hazel J. Washington**, an attorney practicing in the Milwaukee area, to spend 5 months in prison and 5 months on home detention for evading over \$70,000 in federal income tax. Judge Adelman also ordered that following her imprisonment and term of home detention, Washington must spend 2 years on supervised release and must complete 40 hours of community service.

On September 8, 2005, Washington entered a guilty plea to one count of tax evasion relating to the 1998 tax year. In a written plea agreement, Washington admitted that in 1998, she had evaded over \$31,000 in taxes by depositing proceeds from legal work into a personal account and by cashing checks for legal work without disclosing them to her tax preparer. In her plea agreement, Washington also admitted that she had engaged in similar conduct in 1999 and 2000.

This case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. The case was assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Richard G. Frohling for prosecution.

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